

Aside from these transfers, the plan reserves certain functions under the Urban Mass Transportation Act to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Department would retain authority for assisting research, demonstration, and technical study activities which primarily involve the relationship of urban transportation systems to overall urban development and the role of transportation planning as a part of comprehensive urban planning. Further, it would join with the Department of Transportation in establishing criteria for determining whether, as the law requires as a condition for facilities assistance in any urban area, there is or is being developed an adequate program for a unified or coordinated transportation system as part of the comprehensively planned development of that area. And the Department would also have the role of advising and assisting the Department of Transportation in determining whether in any area these criteria have been or are being met.

The functions I have referred to do not necessarily cover every aspect of the operating relationships which the two Departments may establish in connection with the operation of the mass transportation program. They do, however, reflect our major, basic areas of departmental responsibility. Essentially, the Department of Transportation will be responsible for assisting transportation systems responsive to both national and local needs and for developing new systems required to meet the needs of the future. The Department of Housing and Urban Development will be responsible for providing guidance in connection with the planning required to establish a sound relationship between these systems and urban needs, and for research and development activities focused upon finding ways of making this relationship more meaningful in the years to come.

From an administrative standpoint, we in the Department of Housing and Urban Development are confident that the plan represents a very workable arrangement for discharge of these departmental missions. So far as our own Department is concerned, we have been engaged for many years in assisting urban transportation planning as part of our comprehensive program under section 701 of the Housing Amendments of 1955. We are rapidly developing an urban research program that will reach into all major systems and techniques affecting the course of future urban developments. The functions reserved to us under the plan are very closely related to these program responsibilities.

From an administrative standpoint also, we believe that the two Departments are fortunate in that they have been able to develop an arrangement which not only calls for cooperation between them but which rests upon a solid framework of past cooperative activities. For example, the Departments and their predecessor agencies have collaborated closely for years in helping hundreds of communities to develop the planning structure necessary for sound transportation systems. We have established, and have in operation, machinery at the regional level for dealing with a variety of planning coordination matters. And we have consulted extensively on a wide variety of projects and issues, from improved techniques for land use forecasting and airport planning, to the recently completed study of new urban